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4. Merchant and Naval Vessels

a. [redacted] loaded gasoil cargo for East Germany at [redacted] and departed, followed at her berth by [redacted] which also took on a gasoil cargo. The [redacted] was berthed at [redacted] loaded benzol and was followed there by the [redacted]

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Soviet tankers were berthed at [redacted] perhaps they were carrying "dirty" (heavy) oil products, since the ballast they pumped out was extremely dirty. [redacted] recalls presence of [redacted] tanker was in the roads. [redacted] reports that "dry cargo berth" is being used to discharge sand being brought into harbor by barges. [redacted] a modern two-or three-funnel passenger ship was in port with a number of Czech and Hungarian passengers aboard.

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b.

[redacted] a Soviet cruiser [redacted] was in anchorage. [redacted] identifies this cruiser as a SVERDLOV [redacted] vessel's draft was too great to admit entrance to harbor, and that on both occasions the cruiser used only her stern anchor. On 23-26 May the cruiser was under repair [redacted] three 50-60' launches with cranes and manned by military personnel put out to the cruiser and remained alongside [redacted]

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[redacted] surveillance boats [redacted] were moored stern-in in the naval area of harbor [redacted] describes these boats as having one funnel, two light machine guns forward and one aft, and being some 80' long. [redacted] three motor torpedo boats were under repair in shipyard [redacted] and three others [redacted] were in use [redacted] gives armament of these boats as simply one small gun forward, adds that their crew should be about 10 men, and states they are used as surveillance boats.

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5. Petroleum Refinery [redacted] main petroleum refinery and reports no visible new construction.

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6. Batumi Railroad Yards [redacted] reports railroad yards are not electrified.

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7. Military Areas

a. Building [redacted] is believed to be a military barracks from which the port surveillance guards are mounted. Immediately south southwest, [redacted] is a guard tower. The barrack is described as two stories, concrete, flat-roofed, yellow, 30-40 meters long, and 20 meters wide, and guarded by roving guards. [redacted] "landscaping" work is going on in this area.

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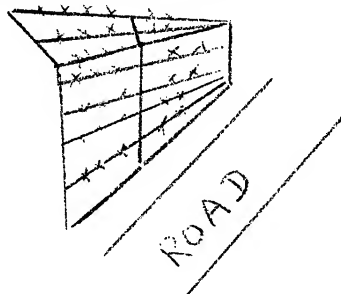
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b. [redacted] Fort Burun Tabiya may be garrisoned. [redacted] along the base of the hill below the fort en route to the bathing beach, [redacted] a road between the naval base and the hill. [redacted] both sides of the road were fenced with high, angled-apron fences, with the aprons extending inward toward the naval base and the Burun Tabiya Fort, thus:

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[redacted] the road turned out to be a cul-de-sac: at approximately [redacted] the road is closed by a gate and guarded. Guards were stationed along both fences. The fences themselves look rather old. Railway noted [redacted] within the naval base fence.

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8. Batumi Airfield [redacted] Batumi Airfield is to the south southwest of port and [redacted] noted two or three two-jet airplanes taking off and landing in the area. 25X1

9. Miscellaneous

a. Warehouse [redacted] is still under construction, [redacted] 25X1

b. [redacted] a new petroleum pier is to be in operation at subject port next year. [redacted] it will project north from the present Neftyanoy Mole and will be a simple floating pier which will simply carry the line out to the vessels' stern. Vessels will berth stern in, float bow lines out to mooring buoys, secure stern lines to the Neftyanoy Mole and take the line over her poopdeck. 25X1

c. [redacted] parachute training in area [redacted] A slow, two-engine, passenger-type biplane dropped about 12 men on one occasion. Four or five went in the water; the remainder went in the trees. Apparently it was expected that some may get wet. As soon as the parachutists hit the water, small motor torpedo boats which had been standing by near Burun Tabiyskiy Mol came out and picked them up. 25X1

d. [redacted] a vacationer's resort between the Botanical Gardens and subject port. 25X1

e. [redacted] there are seven "big" cranes [redacted] and two floating, and perhaps self-propelled, cranes [redacted] 25X1

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